Boston, July 16, 1846.

My dear Sir,

I have given to Mr. Garrison a letter of introduction to you, which may be unnecessary indeed, other than as reminding him to inquire for you in London, where (if not at Bristol) I hope you will see him.

I wrote you by 1st. July Ship, acknowledging and thanking you for your "Brief Notice". We are much your debtors for it; it is with great pleasure that I loan it, and speak of it. I gave Dr. Gannett a copy. He has acknowledged its general correctness and candour, but takes exceptions to an occasional passage, which, in my estimation, amount to nothing. He says you should have made a distinction between the Southern & So. Western States, in speaking of arms being frequently carried, & of the use of the bowie-knife, &c. &c. This distinction is unquestionably exists to some

extent, but not to the extent he asserts. He is an out-and-out apologist for the Slaveholder; he is as unwilling to admit anything ~~as~~ to be necessarily bad & wrong in the Slaveholding relation, as the most vehement abolitionist is to believe there is any Christianity in it.

Recollecting that you said, not long since, that you would be glad to see some Southern newspapers, I have this morning visited one of our Boston newspaper offices and procured a few, which I send you herewith. They are all from the larger cities, you will observe, where the cruelties & extremities of Slavery are not so likely to be common, and whence there will be, in proportion, fewer attempts to escape. But each paper will give you some insight into Slavery. They are all, as you will see, of quite recent date. I also

send, (as a curiosity, perhaps) a Cherokee paper.

I have pleasure in sending to your daughter, in my children's name, H. Mann W.'s Works, lately collected & pub.d here in 2 vols. Will she please accept them, with my best regards.?

I have been fearful of making too large a bundle for Mr. Garrison's convenience, or would have added some other matter.

I have sent, thinking they might be acceptable to you, a lithograph engraving of C. M. Clay, said to be excellent; and also one of Abby Kelley Foster, which I know to be good, though not perfect, and scarcely done her justice.

I am sorry Mr. Armstrong does not write me. I hope he does not think I do not want to hear from him also, because I have so good and full a correspondent as yourself. My love & respects to him, & to Mrs. James, and to Miss Carpenter.

I have, after long & mature consideration, disconnected myself from my Society in Leicester; having preached my last Sermon to them last Sunday (July 8.) Leicester will be our home for the present. I have no definite plans or place in view.

Hastily, but very respectfully, Yours

Samuel May.

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